Nishant, anti-tank missile system Nag and integrated electronic warfare (EW) system for the Army. LCA and EW programme have further been affected by the sanctions imposed by the western countries after May 1998 nuclear tests.

The indigenous technologies are being developed by pooling the national resources of expertise and infrastructure. National efforts have been launched to develop the technologies affected by sanctions. Some components and subsystems affected by sanctions are being obtained through alternate sources. Additional monitoring has been introduced to expedite these projects.

Shortcomings in Sukhoi-30 fighters planes

3374. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
MISS FRTDA TOPNO:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sukhoi-30 fighters received from Russia possess only limited air defence capabilities;

(b) if so, the steps taken to rectify the shortcomings and bring them to the standards expected to;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have placed a contract for the supply often more Sukhoi fighters inspite of the shortcomings; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No. Sir. The aircraft is optimised for air defence role.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Additional 10 SU-30 K aircraft have been procured last year for the IAF and are already in operation.

Reorganisation of Security System

3375. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the former Chiefs of Defence services have recommended reorganisation of the security system in view of Kargil intrusion;

(b) if so, whether the views expressed by former Chiefs of Defence services have been examined;